

Air Power

Quote of the Week

“Air control can be established by superiority in numbers, by better employment, by better equipment, or by a combination of these factors.”
– Gen. Carl Spaatz

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News in Brief

Housing office

Due to renovation, the Family Housing Office will relocate to Building 117 today. Office hours will remain, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (other than closing at 1 p.m. Tuesday).

CLEP study program

The Laughlin Education Office is offering a free study program for the College Level Examination Program general exams. Active duty military, civilians, retirees and their dependents are welcome to participate. The classes are held 11 a.m. Monday through Friday at the education office.

For more information, call 298-5545.

Town hall meeting

The wing and medical group commanders are hosting a town hall meeting at 6 p.m. May 28 to clarify options under the Tricare Plus Program.

Mission status

(As of May 9)

Days ahead or behind with mission capable rate

T-37	-0.76	88.5%
T-1	1.30	77.4%
T-38	-2.15	77.6%
T-6	-5.55	83.1%



Photo by Staff Sgt. Amber Whittington

Hero laid to rest

All the members of Airman 1st Class Raymond Losano's squadron, 14th Air Support Operation Squadron, Pope Air Force Base, N.C., except for 20 who are still overseas, showed up for his funeral at Arlington National Cemetery, Va., Wednesday.

Airman Losano died in combat during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Air Force Chief of Staff General John Jumper hosted the funeral and presented A1C Losano's wife with his Purple Heart.

Airman Losano was a Del Rio native.

Community to see Armed Forces Day military displays

Compiled from staff reports

Laughlin people will take time to show the local community what the Air Force is about Saturday during The Armed Forces Day 2003 celebration at Plaza Del Sol Mall in Del Rio.

The celebration, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. will include several

display booths from Laughlin organizations, mock cockpits, an enlistment ceremony, a military fashion show, military working dogs, a Junior ROTC drill team demonstration, the Air Force mini-jet and the fire department smokehouse.

Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine recruiters will have displays set up including a climbing rock wall

and an obstacle course.

The beginning of Armed Forces Day traces back to President Harry Truman who established the day in 1950 to celebrate the unification of all military forces under a single department and to pay tribute to the servants and protectors of America.

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Laughlin kicks off summer with run, safety day

Compiled from staff reports

A wing safety day will be held here Monday to begin the 101 Critical Days of Summer.

The 101 Critical Days of Summer runs Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend. The campaign strives to remind people they need to stay focused on whatever their activities are at the moment.

All military personnel are required to meet at the

base picnic grounds at 7 a.m. to kick off safety day with a two-mile run. Civilians and family members are also encouraged to take part.

Following the wing run, all base personnel are required to attend their organization's safety briefing. The schedule is:

■ 8:45 a.m. – Anderson Hall: maintenance day-shift

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For start times on the wing run, see newswire page 4.



Commanders' Corner

Maj. Arthur Price
47th Communications commander

NCC helps keep'em flying

Everyone uses a computer on a daily basis, whether to do our jobs, researching information or for communication purposes. However, with all the bytes of information that transcend cyberspace, there are a lot of people behind the scenes that ensure your information gets to where it's going, complete and secure.

I'm specifically referring to the technicians in Laughlin's Network Control Center who ensure Laughlin's flying mission remains on track and planes remain in the air.

These "behind the scenes" technicians ensure that the network functions 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They are also responsible for the security of the information through the installation of security patches, antiviral software and maintaining a base firewall to keep unwanted hackers and malicious logic virus out of Laughlin's network. This is how the NCC ensures the information you send throughout the network at Laughlin and across the Department of Defense remains secure. But that is only one small piece of the security umbrella that keeps the NCC secure.

Remember the saying, "you are only as strong as your weakest link"? Well in this case, the security of the network depends on your involvement and how you use your computer when you log in during your duty day.

Here's how you can ensure security on the network through yourself and others:

Every user must take Laughlin's security education and training evaluation test along with anti-piracy training. These two computer based awareness training sessions provide the user the knowledge to differentiate

what you can and cannot do when using a government computer.

Once new users pass these tests, they are cleared to operate on the network along with the other 1,800 daily users. However, passing the tests does not constitute relaxing your situational awareness toward computer security.

As a new user, you are charged with ensuring everything you do on Laughlin's network is appropriate and professionally transmittable to other users of the network and the Internet. Let me clarify, you shouldn't use the network to send derogatory information in the form of comments, jokes or pictures as attachments in e-mails that have been transmitted though several networks because the probability of that file being corrupt drastically increases, thereby posing a security risk to every user on the network. A virus could cripple your computer and also has the potential to cripple the network, thereby effecting Laughlin's inherent mission to train the world's best pilots.

Sending inappropriate material is the most common occurrence where a network user could lose their privileges, which could affect a units ability to support this base. So I must emphasize that every user plays an important part in the security of the network, not only from a standpoint of affecting your desktop computer, but for the NCC's ability to perform our mission.

It takes everyone, from the technician to the end user, to ensure our network remains secure so that the information we pass to one another remains untainted. It's a team effort.

Border Eagle commentaries

The Border Eagle encourages base members to take part in their paper. Anyone wanting to write for the Viewpoint pages of the paper is welcome.

Commentaries can be written about any aspect of Air Force life you find interesting. Articles should be 250 to 500 words in length. Public Affairs reserves

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Submissions should be dropped off or faxed to the Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 338. The deadline to submit a commentary is close of business each Thursday, the week prior to publication.

For more information, call 298-5393.



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Actionline 298-5351

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels.

By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the Border Eagle.

Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation, and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.



Col. Dan Woodward
47th Flying Training
Wing commander

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*“Training the world’s
best pilots and
deploying forces
worldwide to fight and
win America’s wars”
- 47th FTW mission*

Chief’s sight picture: *Air Force to resume AEF battle rhythm*

Gen. John P. Jumper
Air Force chief of staff

Once again, our great Air Force, in the finest tradition of America’s armed forces, has served this country proudly in battle. Our airmen were absolutely vital to the success of the recent campaign. They demonstrated to the American people – and to the world – a remarkable level of commitment, competence, and steadfast professionalism.

Along with thousands of dedicated soldiers, sailors, marines, coastguardsmen and our coalition partners, you have done a service for our nation and the world from which many generations will reap the benefits. Whether in Southwest Asia, the Pacific or Europe, protecting the homeland or sustaining our force, each of you committed your lives to defend our interests and our values. All airmen – active, reserve, guard and civilians – should be justifiably proud of what we’ve achieved.

For the first time in the history of the Air Force, we relied on the Air Expeditionary Force to present the full spectrum of our capabilities to combatant commanders around the world. Through our 10 AEFs, our AEF Prime capabilities, and our AEF mobility assets, we demonstrated our ability to package forces, carefully selecting the most combat ready forces from our Total Force; build and present expeditionary units; and flow them to the theaters of operation in a timely and logical sequence. We rapidly delivered them to the warfighters, while preserving a highly capable residual force to satisfy our global commitments.

To meet the tremendous demand for air and space power for Operation Iaqi Freedom, I directed a varia-

tion from our rotational AEF battle rhythm. Yet, consistent with the inherent flexibility of AEF operations, we tailored our response based on the needs of the combatant commanders in southwest Asia and in the Pacific, drawing forces from multiple AEFs. This flexibility delivered the right capabilities in the right places at the right times, assuring victory in Iraq and demonstrating our resolve in the Pacific.

With the threats from our adversaries now diminished, it is time to return to pre-OIF operations and resume the rotational AEF battle rhythm. We are acutely aware of the need to get our airmen home and return stability to our people’s lives. Yet, we have pushed the AEFs hard. Consequently, it will take some time to reset the AEF properly.

Because many of our airmen were so heavily tasked over the last several months, we need a transition period to restart the AEF rotational cycle. During this transition period, we will restart AEF rotations using our residual force (those who did not deploy over the last 6-8 months) to the maximum extent possible.

The AEF Center has begun the challenging task of restructuring this limited residual force into two transitional AEFs. The first one will be fielded for a minimum of 120 days starting in July 2003. The extended vulnerability periods are necessary due to the high numbers of airmen currently deployed. And, while July 2003 represents the official restart of AEF rotations, nothing precludes selected personnel from returning early if the component commanders and the AEF Center agree.

This transition phase will provide a manageable adjustment period that will allow those who were deployed to reconstitute and recover

before we ask them to deploy again in a steady-state battle rhythm in 2004.

At the same time we are working to reset the AEF cycle, we are also working to reduce the employment levels for our low density/high demand assets and our stressed career fields. Collectively, they are the backbone of our reconnaissance and strike capabilities and made distant operations in an expeditionary environment possible. We need to continue to train and sustain those vital capabilities so they are ready to meet the call when it comes again.

During this transition and reconstitution period, our focus will be on taking care of the airmen who have served so admirably and restoring our capabilities to meet future AEF requirements. Our people need time for their overall health, family matters, professional education, and promotion testing. Our units need to resume training, repair equipment, reduce backlogs, and restock consumables to ensure UTCs are fully reconstituted. Also, we need to recapitalize assets and reposition war reserve stocks to ensure we sustain the high state of readiness for which we are renowned.

You proved the AEF is agile, flexible and lethal; and you confirmed it is highly effective in presenting the full capabilities of the Total Force to our combatant commanders. It is the right warfighting construct for our 21st Century Air Force, and has proven its worth in delivering decisive capabilities while providing a mechanism to give our people a sense of stability and predictability. Once again, I want to thank each and every one of you for your dedication, professionalism, and service to our nation



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Photo by Airman 1st Class Timothy Stein

Flying visitor...

Joe Coater, an air traffic controller from Laredo, Texas, blocks the wheels of his Cessna 150 after he landed at Laughlin Saturday. Mr. Coater was one of 40 people who attended Laughlin’s civilian fly-in. The fly-in provided updates to local airspace procedures and displayed Laughlin’s aircraft, including the new T-6 Texan II.

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“Armed Forces Day is about showing the American people what the military is all about,” said Master Sgt. Jimmie Davis, Armed Forces Day coordinator. “We get to show the public what their dollar go toward and what we can accomplish.”

Laughlin is the largest military organization in the area and will be the most visible military representative at the event. Because of this, Sergeant Davis said, Laughlin people will have an excellent chance to share the wing mission with the com-

munity.

“It is an excellent opportunity to show the people downtown what we do in the Air Force,” he said. “It also may inspire some of them to join the world’s greatest air force.”

Col. Dan Woodward, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, will start the festivities and perform a mass enlistment ceremony, administering the oath to members of all branches of the military entering the delayed enlistment program.

For more information on Armed Forces Day 2003, call Master Sgt. Jimmie Davis at 298-5456.

Wear uniform for official travel

In a recent memorandum Gen. Donald Cook, Air Education and Training Command commander, reminded all military members to wear the blue service uniform (short- or long-sleeve shirt with tie or tie tab), while traveling TDY at government expense in the continental United States. Members have the option to wear the light-weight blue of leather jacket.

General Cook identified three exceptions to this policy. ■ Military members with a confirmed flight upgrade under the

Congressionally approved frequent-traveler benefits and promotional item program.

■ If conditions such as long trips with extended layovers would result in a less than professional appearance, travelers are authorized to wear civilian attire.

■ In Force Protection Charlie or higher, this policy will be reconsidered based on continuing threat.

For other possible exceptions, consult your chain-of-command.

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personnel

■ 9:30 a.m. – base theater: medical group, operations support squadron

and fire department

■ 9:45 a.m. – Anderson Hall: all instructor pilots, radar-approach control and tower personnel.

■ 10:30 a.m. – base theater: mission

support group and wing staff civilians.

■ 10:45 a.m. – Anderson Hall: Student pilots and life support personnel.

■ 11:45 a.m. – Anderson Hall: mission support group and wing staff military.

■ 3 p.m. – base theater: maintenance swing-shift personnel.

Wing run times

All military members need to report to the base picnic area Monday for a two-mile base run. Registration will begin at 6:50 a.m. followed by warm ups at 7:15 a.m. Runners should line up at 7:22 a.m. with the team race starting at 7:27 a.m. and the individual run starting at 7:30.

ORI finding replies

All units should review open items from the Operation Readiness Inspection and provide updates on findings to the inspector general by June 30.

Newslines

For more information, call the interim inspector general, Lt. Col. Robert Seaburg, at 298-5638.

Semi-annual self-inspection

All base units must forward their semi-annual self-inspection results to the inspector general by July 10. Capt. Mimi Banks will review appointment letters send a standardized template for those needing an

update. Additionally, she will send a recommended template for reporting self inspection results.

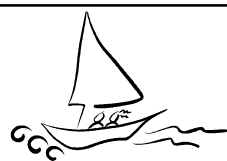
For more information, call the interim inspector general, Lt. Col. Robert Seaburg, at 298-5638.

Community assessment

The Helping Us Grow Stronger committee is sponsoring a community assessment now through late May. Members and their spouses are randomly selected to participate. Members selected are strongly encouraged to take part in the survey.

For more information, call 298-5324.

Going on vacation?
Take safety with you.



Salute to liberty:

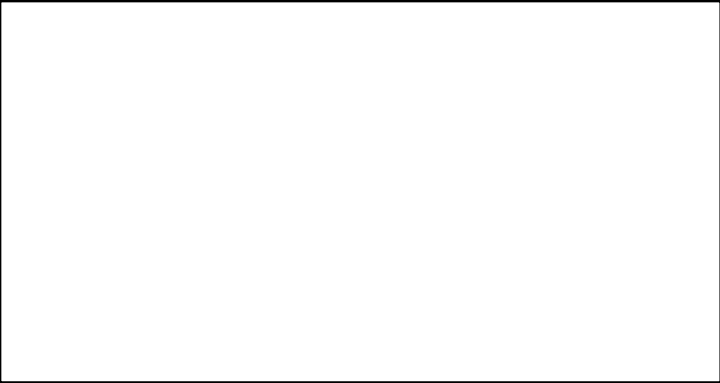
Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

By Elizabeth Watts

47th Flying Training Wing maintenance executive support

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is observed nationally to recognize the contributions people of Asian and Pacific-Island heritage have made to American culture. It is celebrated in May to acknowledge the first Japanese immigrants who arrived in the United States May 7, 1843. The history of Asian Pacific American Heritage dates back to June 1977 when Congressman Frank Horton and Norman Y. Mineta introduced House Resolution 540 into the House of Representatives. The resolution called for the president to proclaim the first week of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Week. In July 1977, Senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga introduced similar legislation into the U.S. Senate. In 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed Senate Joint Resolution 72, officially declaring the first week in May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Week. In May 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed a Proclamation extending the weeklong celebration to a month. The Asian Pacific American ethnicity includes people from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, Cambodia, China, Hawaii, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Macao, Malaysia, the Maldives, Melanesia, Micronesia, Mongolia, North Korea, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam. Our culture is steeped in the contributions of Asians and Pacific Islanders to our nation in business development, education, science, medicine, commerce and our military. Many of these ethnicities and their subgroups are represented in our military today. Laughlin has a community of Asian Pacific Americans. Some proudly wear the uniform, while others support loved ones who do. This year’s national theme is “Salute to Liberty.” To celebrate the Laughlin Asian Pacific American Heritage Society has planned several events to spotlight them and news. The Laughlin community is invited to learn about the rich heritage.

The next scheduled Asian Pacific American Heritage Society meeting will be held noon - 1 p.m. Tuesday at building 375 in the MEO/EEO conference room. For more information, call 298-4171.



XLers contribute \$27,614 to AFAF

Compiled from staff reports

Laughlin member's contributions during the five-week Air Force Assistance Fund exceeded the AFAF headquarters goal by \$6,397.

The campaign ended May 9 with Laughlin having raised \$27,614. This is \$9,913 more than in 2002.

"Increased requests for assistance and a sluggish economy made this year's drive even more important to the affiliate organizations," said 2nd Lieutenant David Shrack, AFAF installation project officer.

The AFAF campaign's success was made possible by the unit representatives and the people of Laughlin who understood that this was a way of giving back to the Air Force community, said Lieutenant Shrack. "With the constantly high operations tempo around the base and the demands that are placed on all personnel, the requirement of contacting each person was tedious. To achieve such a great response was fantastic and would not have happened without the incredible efforts of each unit representative," he said.

The charities benefit all Air Force members and their families including Reserve, Guard and retirees. Of the donations received \$3,984.75 went to the Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund, \$17,183.75 went to the Air Force Aid Society, \$3,609.75 went to the Air Force Enlisted Foundation, and \$2,835.75 went to the Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

MPF implements virtual outprocessing

By Airman 1st Class

Yvonne Conde

Staff writer

The military personnel flight here recently implemented a virtual outprocessing system for permanent-party personnel.

The Web-based system allows personnel to perform most outprocessing actions from their desktop.

"Virtual outprocessing will cut down on the number of agencies a member has to visit," said 2nd Lt. Kendra Lowe, MPF commander.

Base organizations log into the virtual MPF system and indicate if the member needs to visit their organization or not. If not, the organization checks the member off and the individual is cleared. If the member needs to visit the organization, the individual is notified what to bring or what items need to be accomplished by logging on and viewing the comments from any personal computer.

The MPF has two computers available for personnel to access the virtual MPF and outprocessing. The site also allows users to establish an emergency data card and update personal information.

"It's pretty much a Web-based mini-MPF," added Lieutenant Lowe. "Almost everything is go-

ing Web-based now. The main purpose is to help the customers any way we can, any time of day. They can conveniently take care of things without waiting for personnel to see them."

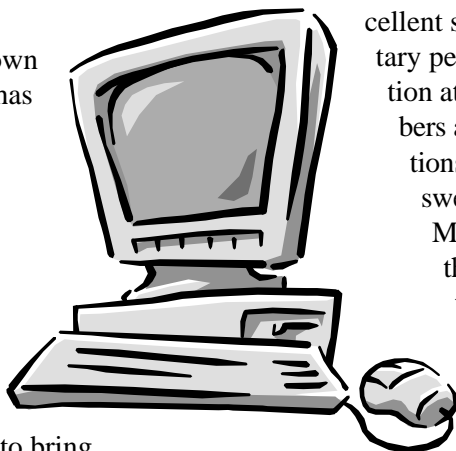
MPF personnel will provide an initial briefing and guidance for using virtual out-processing. "The vOP portion is extremely user friendly," said Lieutenant Lowe. "VOP and vMPF are excellent systems because they allow military personnel to access their information at any time, from any PC. Members also have the ability to ask questions and get their questions answered quickly and accurately.

Most importantly, it is conducive to the member's schedule, allowing the best possible service for the member."

Members access the site using user name and password. "It's important for

people to remember their virtual MPF user name and password because the trend of everything going Web-based," said Lieutenant Lowe. "We are not losing any manning over this, which is why it is such a great thing. It's going to free up a lot more time for both the MPF personnel and base people. We'll always be here for customers; they're number one."

For more information, call Lieutenant Lowe at 298-5073.



Sergeants Associate ...

Master Sgt. James R. Martin, Air Force Sergeants Association chapter 1069 senior delegate, presents a \$200 check to Tech Sgt. Wesley Morris, AFSA president at a monthly AFSA meeting. The check was initially presented to Sergeant Martin at an annual AFSA division conference by retired Chief Master Sgt. Emilio Serrano, division president, for being the chapter with the largest percentage of AFSA recruiters. Enlisted members may contact Tech Sgt. Mario Rangel about AFSA membership at 298-4320.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Yvonne Conde

27 Laughlin members receive college degrees

Compiled from staff reports

Recent graduates from Community College of the Air Force, American Military University, University of La Verne and Park University were recognized at a graduation ceremony in Anderson Hall auditorium May 7.

Commanders, supervisors, family members, friends and co-workers attended the ceremony to celebrate the graduates’ academic success.

For more information on degree programs available at Laughlin, contact the Laughlin education office at 298-5545 or stop by building 316. Those who graduated in the cer-

emony are:

Community College of the Air Force

47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

Senior Airman Theresa Wheeler,
Bioenvironmental engineering
Staff Sgt. Sandra Williams,
Bioenvironmental engineering

47th Civil Engineer Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jason Filasky,
Construction Technician
Master Sgt. James Martin,
Disaster Preparedness
Tech. Sgt. Douglas Pohlman,
Disaster Preparedness

47th Communication Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Eric Blanton,

Electronic Systems Technician

Staff Sgt. Brock Kerzmann,
Electronic Systems Technician
Master Sgt. Jeffrey Scott,
Electronic Systems Technician
47th Comptroller Flight

Senior Airman Dorothy Smith,
Financial Management; Restaurant, Hotel Fitness Management

47th Contracting Squadron

Master Sgt. Mario Curiel,
Contracts Management
Staff Sgt. Jennifer Nalls,
Contracts Management; Fitness, Recreation, and Services Management
Tech. Sgt. Daniel Thiel,
Contracts Management

47th Mission Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Rene Sanchez,
Personnel Administration

47th Operations Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Corey Haught,
Airway Science; Munitions System technician

47th Security Forces Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jessica Summerlin,
Criminal justice

Park University

47th Comptroller Flight

Senior Airman Dorothy Smith,
Bachelor’s in Management/Accounting
Tech. Sgt. Robert Van,
Bachelors’s in Management/Human

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Commissaries change coupon rules

FORT LEE, Va. – Commissaries will start enforcing new policy revisions June 1 that limit coupon use to only one per item unless otherwise specified on a coupon.

“We still gladly welcome the use of coupons. We’re only limiting the number of coupons a customer can use per item to what is specifically stated on the coupons. If the coupons state more than one per item can be used,

then we’ll accept them. If it doesn’t, then we’ll accept only one per item,” said Bob Vitikacs, the Defense Commissary Agency’s executive director for operations and product support.

The revised DeCA policy more accurately reflects manufacturers’ intent for coupon use, which has always been one coupon per item unless otherwise stated, Vitikacs said. DeCA policy had allowed commissaries to accept multiple

coupons unless specifically stated as only “one per item.”

Under the new policy, customers can still take advantage of multiple couponing, but only through sales specifically allowing the practice. Customers can watch for advertising and in-store flyers to learn about these sales, and manufacturers will continue to provide coupons in the stores.

Air Force eases Stop-Loss restrictions

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Air Force personnel officials announced May 14 the release of more than half of the Air Force specialty codes restricted from retirement or separation under the Stop-Loss program, which took effect May 2.

Following a review of operational requirements, 31 officer and 20 enlisted career fields were released from Stop-Loss, the officials said.

The officer career fields released are: 11BX, 11EX, 11FX, 11HX, 11KX, 12BX, 12EX, 12FX, 12KX, 12RX, 12TX, 13BX, 13DXA, 13DXB, 32EX, 43EX, 43HX, 43TX, 44EX, 44MX, 45AX, 45BX, 45SX, 46FX, 46MX, 46NXE, 46SX, 48AX, 48GX, 48RX and 51JX.

The enlisted career fields released are: 1C2XX, 1C4XX, 1S0XX, 1T1XX, 3E000, 3E0X2, 3E4X1, 3E4X2, 3E5X1, 3E7X1, 3E8X1, 3E9X1, 3H0X1, 3N0XX, 4A1XX, 4A2XX, 4B0XX, 4E0XX, 4H0XX and 5J0X1.

The Air Force announced Stop-Loss, a Defense Department program

designed to retain members of the armed forces beyond their established dates of separation or retirement, for 99 specialties and deployed airmen on March 13. The move was aimed at ensuring personnel levels were adequate to meet upcoming contingencies.

“It was not an action that we took lightly,” said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche. “It was designed to preserve Air Force skills essential to supporting the global war on terrorism and operations in Iraq.”

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper pointed out that service officials have always said they will use Stop-Loss only as long as necessary to accomplish the mission.

“We’ve re-evaluated our require-

ments and are releasing these AFSCs because Stop-Loss is inconsistent with the fundamental principles of voluntary service,” General Jumper said.

This announcement is the result of an in-depth review, said Maj.

Teresa Forest, chief of Air Force retirements and separation policy at the Pentagon.

“A number of different factors went into the review process,” Major Forest said. “We had to consider the balance between the active duty and air reserve component, as well as the need to remain responsive to changing events worldwide.”

Deployed active-duty, Guard and Reserve airmen whose specialties are released from Stop-Loss will not be allowed to retire or separate until their deployment is completed, Ma-

jor Forest said. Air reserve component airmen who are mobilized, but not deployed, will be demobilized according to ARC policy.

The actual “termination” of Stop-Loss has yet to be determined because Air Force officials and combatant commanders still need certain skills to directly support the war in Iraq, Major Forest said.

More career fields will likely be released in the future, she said, based on input from different levels around the Air Force.

If airmen experience a severe hardship caused by Stop-Loss, they can apply for a waiver through their chain of command.

“Many families have had to put their plans on hold because of Stop-Loss,” Major Forest said. “We will make every effort to balance their needs with our commitment to operational requirements.”

For more information, call Laughlin’s military personnel flight at 298-5276.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

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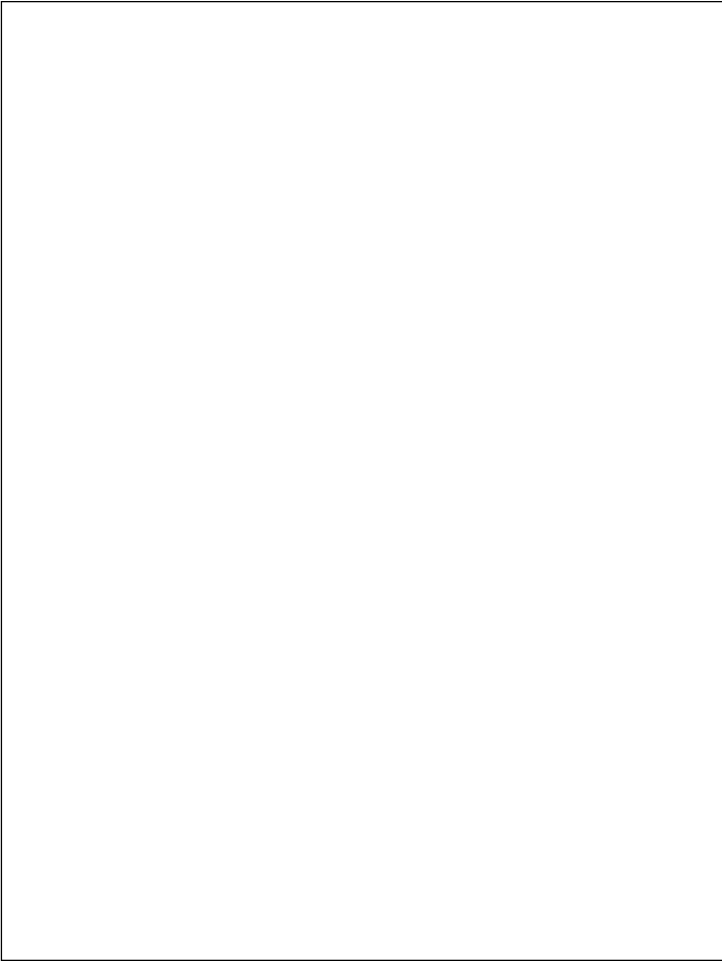
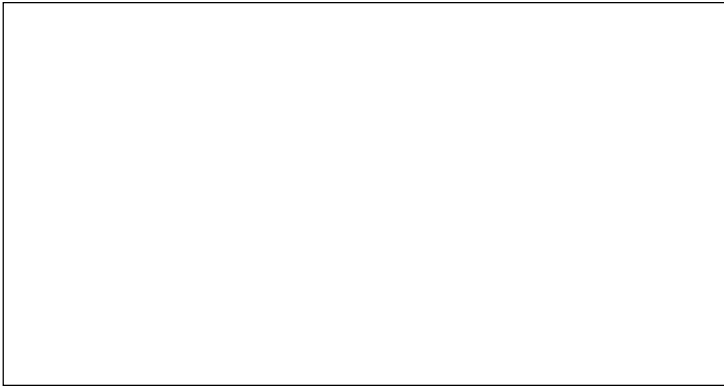
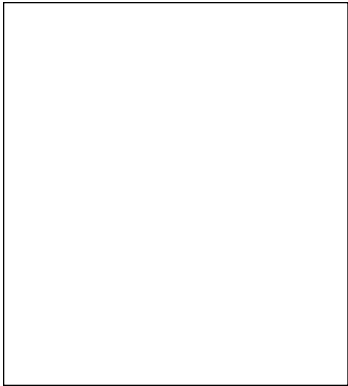
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Associate’s in Management
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Lorena Alvarado,
Bachelor’s in Management
Veronica Arredondo,

Bachelor’s in Management/
Human Resources
Lilianna Bocanegra,
Bachelor’s in Management/CIS
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Bachelor’s in Management
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Psychology
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Bachelor’s in Social
Psychology
Ramona Vick,

Bachelor’s in Management
Kimberly Woods,
Bachelor’s in Management

American Military
University
Maj. James Payne,
Master’s in Military Studies
in Air Warfare

University of La Verne
Staff Sgt. Beverly
Abercrombie,
Master’s in Business
Organizational Management





Graduation



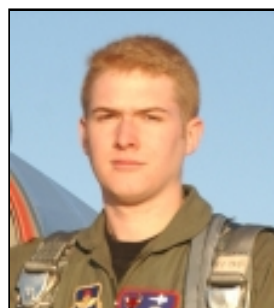
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C-17,
McChord AFB, Wash.



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KC-135,
RAF Mildenhall AB, U.K.



2nd Lt. Matthew Amig
F-15C,
Tyndall AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Denique Asion
KC-135,
Fairchild AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Chad Cheatwood
KC-135, (ANG)
McGhee Tyson, Tenn.



2nd Lt. Erik Cobbs
T-6,
Laughlin AFB



2nd Lt. Raymond Dagley
B-52,
Barksdale AFB, La.



2nd Lt. Alan Dick
T-6,
Laughlin AFB



2nd Lt. Luther Douglas
KC-135,
Robins AFB, Ga.



2nd Lt. David Erpelding
KC-135,
MacDill AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Jachin Finch
C-21,
Andrews AFB, Md.



2nd Lt. Joshua Finch
C-5,
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2nd Lt. Jason Green
C-17,
Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Andrew Hale
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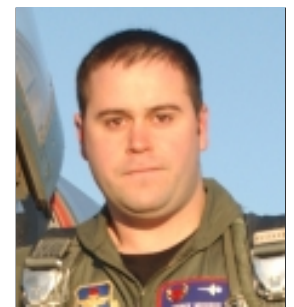
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Robbins AFB, Ga.



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2nd Lt. Clinton Mintz
HC-130P/N
Moody AFB, Ga.



2nd Lt. James Morris
C-130H, (ANG)
Charlotte/Douglas IAP, N.C.



2nd Lt. Gordon Roman
KC-135,
Grand Forks AFB, N.D.



2nd Lt. Jason Somers
KC-135,
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2nd Lt. Todd Swanhart
KC-10,
Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Alan Talbert Jr.
F-16,
Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. James Wilson
C-17, (AFRES)
McChord AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Jeffery Woods
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Veterans thank those who led them to freedom

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – A Belgian woman risks her safety to help more than 130 airmen avoid capture by Germans.

A bombardier survives a crash landing with his crew behind enemy lines and escapes with help from members of the French Underground.

A tail gunner bails out of his badly damaged B-17 Flying Fortress and parachutes into a field on the French border where a young boy leads him and others to safe harbor.

These World War II survivors and others gathered recently near Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, to thank those who helped them escape

capture, torture and possible death. They exchanged hugs and memories, shared tears and renewed bonds at the Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society annual reunion in Wichita Falls.

The purpose of the AFEES is to encourage airmen aided by resistance organizations or patriotic nationals of foreign countries to continue friendships with those who helped them.

“Our organization perpetuates the close bond that exists between airmen forced down and the resistance people who made our evasion possible at great risk to themselves and their families,” said Larry Grauerholz, editor of the quarterly

AFEES Communications Journal and a B-17 navigator who evaded escape in France and crossed the Pyrenees Mountains into Spain.

Those risks did not go unappreciated by the Americans who remained out of enemy hands.

“I was issued an escape kit on every mission containing maps of France, French money, water purification tablets and a small compass,” said Virgil Marcos, the downed tail gunner. “I also had the desire not to become a (prisoner of war). I met some very nice French people who I kept in touch with. I was lucky to receive help soon after I parachuted.”

AFEES has more than 600

“regular” members from most wars, primarily World War II. To be eligible for membership, a person must have been a United States airman and must have been forced down behind enemy lines.

Members also must have either avoided captivity or escaped from captivity and returned to allied control.

“Helper” members are people who either directly aided the airmen or are family members of helpers.

For more information on AFEES, call Grauerholz at (940) 692-6700 or e-mail afees44@hotmail.com.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

The *XLer*

Staff Sgt. LaTanya Denmon
47th Flying Training Wing

Hometown: Houston
Family: A daughter, Erykah
Time at Laughlin: 1 year, 9 months
Time in service: 6 years
Greatest accomplishments: Giving birth to my daughter and making the dean’s list
Hobbies: Writing, watching movies, spending time with friends and family
Favorite music: Gospel and R&B
Favorite movie: The Color Purple
If you could spend one hour with any person, who would it be and why? My dad. He missed out on the important years in my life and now that we have been reunited, I would like to make up as much time as possible.

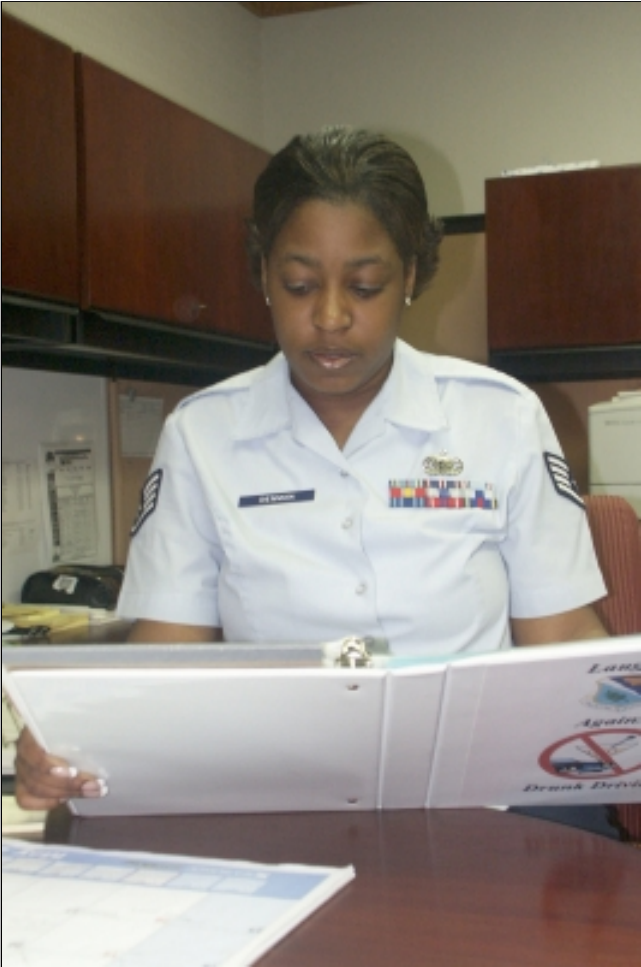


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Chapel Schedule

Catholic

- Friday ● 6 p.m., Stations of the Cross
- Saturday ● 5 p.m., Mass
- Sunday ● 9:30 a.m., Mass
- Thursday ● 6 p.m., Choir; 7:30 p.m., R.C.I.A.
- Reconciliation ● By appointment
- Religious Education ● 11 a.m. Sunday

Jewish, Muslim and other

- Call 298-5111

Nondenominational

- Sunday ● 6:30 p.m. Officer Christian Fellowship, call 298-2238
- Friday ● 7 p.m., Unity in Community Fellowship (activities for children)
- Monthly ● Women’s fellowship (call 298-1351 for details)

Protestant

- Sunday ● 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Sunday school
- 11 a.m., General worship (blend of contemporary and traditional worship, nursery provided)
- Wednesday ● 10 a.m., Women’s Bible study
- 7 p.m., Choir at chapel

For more information on chapel events and services, call 298-5111.

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86th defeats CCS in title preview

By Airman 1st Class
Timothy J. Stein
Editor

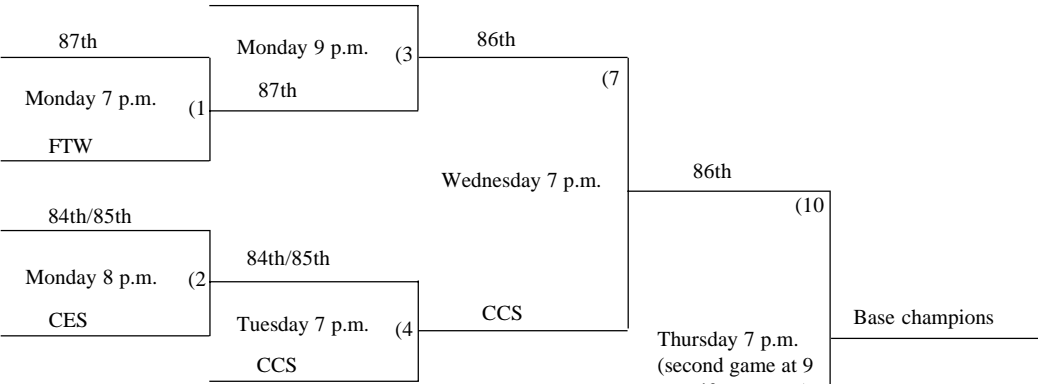
The two teams many people were predicting would meet in the volleyball playoff finals got a chance to size each other up in the first round of semifinals Wednesday at the XL Fitness Center. The 86th proved too much for CCS this time, winning the first game, 25-21, and the second game, 30-28. CSS did advance to play the 86th in the finals by winning the loser’s bracket in this double elimination tournament.

Melvin Isaia started CCS off in the right direction with a couple of big spikes for points in the opening minutes of game one. The 86th was not fazed. Chris Vecchione and Shawn McManus quickly answered by hitting several kills each. McManus also played some excellent defense by stuffing Isaia twice, once for a point. It was not until they

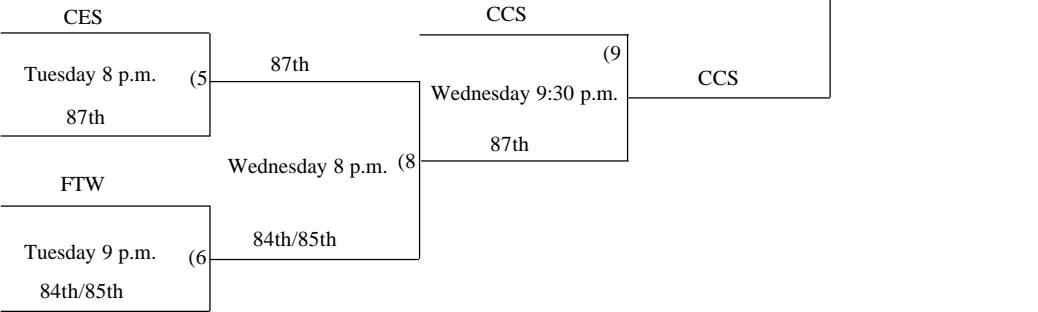
were down, 18-8, that CCS started playing inspired volleyball again. Isaia started nailing spikes and the rest of the team played excellent defense. In five minutes they out-scored the 86th, 11-1, to tie the game at 19. Vecchione and the 86th took over at that point, rattling off six points, three off Vecchione’s spikes, for the win. Both teams played at a high level the second game. They battled back and forth all game, neither team able to build a strong lead. CCS reached 25 points first but needed one more point for a two-point victory needed in volleyball. The 86th wouldn’t allow it; they battled back and tied the game. The teams seesawed. Finally the 86th were able to get the two-point margin after Vecchione’s spike returned into the net by CCS. The teams were scheduled to meet again Thursday. (Editor’s note: Thursday game was after press time.)

2003 Intramural Volleyball Playoffs

Winner’s Bracket



Loser’s Bracket



Sportslines

Aerobathon

The XL Fitness Center is having an aerobathon 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday at the fitness center. There will be four classes throughout the day. For more information, call 298-5251.

Musclemania

The XL Fitness Center is hosting the Second Annual Musclemania Bench Press/Squat Competition at 1p.m. June 4. There will be men’s and women’s divisions. Participants must sign up at the fitness center by June 2. For more information, call 298-5251.

